

Tell Russian Visitors Truth, British Bishops Urge Prayers For Victims Slated When Soviet Chiefs In Britain

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Ordination On Television

Framingham, Mass. — (NC) — Lying prostrate during the solemn ceremonies of ordination in Rev. John Cox, F.M.S.I., the first priest ordained for the Sons of Mary, Health of the Sick Order at St. Mark's Cathedral here, Archbishop Cushing of Boston is performing the ceremony, which was televised from the television chapel of the Boston Archdiocese.

and hidden, sometimes open and savage. Everywhere it is relentless. We speak of what we know.

Leading the Red-dominated countries where the Church is enslaved, the Bishops concluded: "We need not be silent. We have a duty to all the children of God who are in captivity to make our voices heard. The people of eastern Europe may well be told by press and radio of the welcome given to this Christian country to the enemies of God. It will comfort them if they hear—and they will hear—that the communists are in power the Church of Christ is in chains. We will continue to speak in their defense. The situation is sometimes subtle.

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'Iron-Curtain' Push Plans For Atheism

London — (RNS) — Calls for a stepped-up campaign against religion have gone out to Communist leaders in Czechoslovakia and Hungary.

The Prague Communist youth paper, Mlada Fronta, boasted that religion "soon will be legally ended as something that is superfluous and detrimental to our thinking."

NOVA SVOBODA, published in Ostrava, told Communist officials that "atheistic propaganda must be carried out constantly and systematically on the largest possible scale." The paper called on all teachers and political workers to join in a drive to explain the "harmful character of religion."

Magyarorszag, Hungarian Communist Party Organ, summoned all party members to stiffen the fight against religion. It lashed out in particular against party members who get married or have their children baptized in church.

"THERE MAY be members who reply. Our constitution provides for freedom of conscience," the paper stated "but we must tell them that that applies only to ordinary citizens.

"Party members must free themselves of all superstitions and mysticism. Religion is the deadly enemy of science and the party cannot tolerate within its ranks men who spend their time in useless prayer. Marxist-Leninist principles teach us to rely on our own strength—not on prayer."



Brothers Pronounce Perpetual Vows

WENTBURY, MASS. — (NC) — In a simple ceremony, perpetual vows in the congregation of the Brothers of Charity are pronounced here at the Brothers' School by Brother Damien, F.C. (left kneeling) of St. Clair, Pa., and Brother William, F.C. (right) of Roxbury, Mass. Presiding is Brother Sigmund, F.C.

Sicily's 'Weeping Madonna' To Have Special Shrine

Syracuse, Italy — (NC) — The small terra cotta plaque, known as "Our Lady of Tears" or "The Weeping Madonna of Syracuse," will be housed in a large sanctuary.

A committee presided over by Archbishop Ettore Baranini of Syracuse, are examining many designs for the sanctuary which is hoped will be under construction by the end of this year.

TO DATE 580 architects of 36 nations have entered the competition of these 51 are competitors from the United States. Six of the designers live in Iron Cur-

Luxembourg, Vatican Establish Relations

Vatican City — (RNS) — Full diplomatic relations have been established between the Vatican and the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg. It was announced here.

Luxembourg's first ambassador to the Holy See will be Emile Reuther, former president of the country's Chamber of Deputies. He is expected to present his credentials to Pope Pius XII at an early date.

The Papal Internunciature in Luxembourg will be raised to the rank of nunciature. Luxembourg has a population of 291,000, of whom 289,500 are Catholics. No concordat has so far been established between the Grand Duchy and the Vatican. Church-State relations have been governed by an 1891 agreement.

Catholics Conduct Statewide Census

Indianapolis — (NC) — Early reports indicate that the Catholic Census and Information Program carried out in the four dioceses of Indiana is achieving gratifying results. Father Raymond T. Bosler, spiritual moderator for the project, stated here.

The census taking phase of the program has been almost completed. Necessarily, this "class revolutionary struggle" or "class war" will have at its objective the overthrow by violence of the non-Soviet governments. And the one country above all which is clearly indicated here — the

The Reds—What Now? U. S. Communists Take Cues From Kremlin Chief

By LOUIS F. BUDENZ

We will have to return for a moment to the series of three articles on "Khrushchev and the Smith Act" which appeared in the Daily Worker, beginning February 20. These articles reveal so clearly what Red "arguments" regarding the "new line" will be that even

through a month old, they rate further consideration.

The whole burden of the articles is this: An American Communist must anticipate Khrushchev's Aesopian declaration that, in certain instances, Soviet power could be established by parliamentary means.

This is one of those devices whereby the Communists in the United States endeavor by mental acrobatics to show that Moscow does not direct their activities. Almost in the same breath, in these articles, the Daily Worker admits an interchange of communication among the Marxist leaders of the world.

IT IS TRUE that in the Smith Act trials the Communists endeavored to prove that they stood for a peaceful transition to Socialism. That had been a favorite "argument" of the Soviet fifth column long before the Smith Act became a law. It is brought forward despite the fact that the historic break between Lenin and the Social Democrats — which created the Communist International — centered around this very question of violence. Lenin stated specifically that the United States Government must be overthrown by force.

Today, Khrushchev repeats Lenin's thought when he says that "in countries where capitalism is still strong and where it controls an enormous military and police machine, the serious resistance of reactionary forces is inevitable. There the transition to Socialism will proceed amid conditions of an acute class revolutionary struggle."

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country "where capitalism is still strong" — is the United States of America.

THE WHOLE EFFORT of the articles on "Khrushchev and the Smith Act" is, therefore, to palm off the Communist Party as just another political party and not a conspiracy against this Government. By its very acts, however, it is proving the contrary. No political party of a genuine type would permit any of its leaders to become fugitives from justice. That is what the Communist Party did, as is brought vividly to our minds by the five years that Gilbert Green and Harry Winston hid out after their conviction in the trial of 1949.

We must also remember that the Khrushchev report, which the Communists here endorse and follow, condemns not only the "opportunists" but also the "reformists." And a reformist, according to both Lenin and Stalin, is one who actually believes in reforms such as Negro and labor rights — and does not use them as a screen or cover for advancing the dictatorship by force.

IN CONNECTION with the present Communist line, we can also recall that the same effort to make the Soviet dictatorship look "democratic" was engaged in by the Communists here when the Stalinist constitution was adopted in 1936. That constitution ironically "guaranteed freedom of speech," "freedom of press," and even "freedom of demonstration."

That these rights were a travesty, that they were denied the enslaved Russian people, is testified to even today by the Communist leaders in their alleged criticisms of "the cult of personality," the acknowledgment that Stalin was a dictator.

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Aspirants Trial Program Inaugurated At Convent

Detroit — (NC) — A "trial period" for young women, 18 to 25, interested in the religious life will be initiated next October by the Dominican Sisters of the Sick Poor here.

The "clinical observation" for a period up to three months will be offered at the Sisters' new convent, formerly the home of the late Detroit industrialist, Walter O. Eriggs.

THE YOUNG women "observers" will not be allowed to stay at the convent for longer than three months. If they decide to join the order they must first leave the convent and make their final decision at home before making application.

Mother Rose Xavier, explaining the program, said: "For a long time, I have been thinking of such an experiment to correct the erroneous opinions of so many girls and their parents about convent life.

"OUR YOUNG guests," she continued, "will have no obligation of becoming members of the community. They will wear no uniform. While here, they will not follow the Sisters' rule, but will be expected to assist at Mass daily, along with reciting their Rosary and doing 15 minutes meditation and 15 minutes spiritual reading."

Mother Rose said some might stay for only a day, others a weekend, and others the full three months. The only other stipulations, decided on to exclude the merely curious, are that the "observer" come recommended by pastor and teachers, be in good health physically and mentally, and pay \$1 a day.

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